(g) if so, what has been the increase in this amount from 1989-90 to current financial year i.e. 1992-93; and

(h) what is the number of new oil fields where concrete efforts have been made to exploit oil from?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) to (d) The production of crude oil in the last three years is given below:—

Year		Quantity (MMT)
1989-90	...	34.09
1990-91	...	33.00
1991-92	...	30.345

The target for crude oil production in 1992-93 is 28.46 MMT.

(e) and (h) The main reasons for decline in production are: (i) rectificatory measures being taken in the Bombay High field, (ii) reservoir constraints in some fields in Gujarat and (iii) law and order problems in Assam. Steps being taken to augment production implementation of projects to develop new oilfields of Neelam, Ravva, Panna, Gandhar and R-15A as also projects for enhanced recovery from L-II and L-III reservoirs of Bombay High filed. Certain discovered oil and gas fields have also been offered for development to private companies.

(f) and (g) Decline in indigenous production of crude oil alongwith increased demand are the factors contributing to increased import of crude oil. The quantity of crude oil imported since 1989-90 is given below:-

Year		Quantity (MMT)
1989-90	..	19.49
1990-91	..	20.69
1991-92	..	23.99

The Government has approved import of 26.66 MMT of crude oil during the year 1992-93.

Ultimatum on Tapti gas fields

334. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have received an ultimatum from the Gujarat Govt. and the All-Party Convention of Gujarat on Tapti Gas Fields gas to be explored and piped to the proposed Pipavav Power House in Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the time-limit of one month of ultimatum has expired;

(c) whether Government propose to implement its commitment with regard to supply of gas to Pipavav Power Station in Gujarat;

(d) whether Government have decided or considering to divert the Tapti Gas field gas to some other areas outside Gujarat without meeting the demand of the Gujarat; and

(e) whether Government is aware that there is no coal linkage provided for the proposed power houses in Gujarat in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATUAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) (a) and (b) Various representations in this regard have been received from time to time from the State Government as well as other sources.

(c) and (d) Investment plans for development of Tapti fields are yet to be finalised.

(e) Coal linkage has been accorded for the Gandhinagar and Sikka (Extension-II) power plants.